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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, 1.98 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure 609, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information. The Examiner's independent and thorough review of this information is solicited.

Attached hereto please find Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. It is Applicants understanding that for applications filed after June 30, 2003, the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), that a copy of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application be provided, has been waived. Thus, the application having been filed after June 30, 2003, only copies of the non-U.S. patent references and other documents are provided herewith. The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of each reference by initialing in the appropriate box for each reference, and returning an initialed copy with the next Official Action.

Applicants would also like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the following copending patent applications. These are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and the Examiner is requested to consider these and make of record in the application:

> U.S. Serial No. 10/751,267, filed December 30, 2003, entitled "DRY TONER COMPRISING ENCAPSULATED PIGMENT, METHODS AND USES" (SAM0030/US)

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to bring to the Examiner's attention those references which may be material to the Examiner for examination of this case. However, the citation of the above references in this Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent or other reference referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention. In this regard, Applicants expressly reserve the right to contest that any of the references constitute "prior art."

No fee is believed to be necessary for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed before the receipt of an Office Action on the merits. In case the papers cross in the mail, it is requested that consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement be given under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c)(2). If any fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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